

farewell

To Our Readers

This issue of *Out in the Mountains* closes out the two-and-a-half year tenure of Don Eggert as Art Director.

Don originally assumed these duties as a volunteer, invariably keeping the coolest head in the production room during seemingly endless, sometimes frantic efforts late into the night, as the paper was pulled together each month. After gaining some experience and the confidence that brings, Don was instrumental in developing and implementing a full overhaul of the design of the paper in 1999, implementing improvements that have earned the paper nominations in the design category in national forums recognizing excellence in the gay press. Simply put, Don's contributions have made *Out in the Mountains* a better paper.

Just as good as Don has been for *Out in the Mountains*, his tenure at *Out in the Mountains* has served him well, too. The Board of Mountain Pride Media recognizes Don's decision to move on as part of our continued success in helping to prepare volunteers and staff members for expanded roles in the job market and as volunteers for other non-profit organizations. Don applied his on-the-job training and the confidence he developed at *Out in the Mountains* in kick-starting a career in graphic design. A year ago, Don opened his own design shop under the name Mayak Graphics, and today works in art direction for the Burlington-based paper *Seven Days*. We take great joy in Don's success and are proud to have helped nurture and support his talents in the graphic arts.

All of us at Mountain Pride Media would like to thank Don for his commitment and years of splendid service. Please join us in wishing him well in his future endeavors.



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Don Eggert has been the unsung hero of *Out in the Mountains* for two and half years now. He has devoted countless hours and more patience than imaginable to making this paper the best it could be. It has been a labor of love for him and we have all benefited from his tireless devotion.

Personally, I want to thank Don for supporting me when I stepped in as editor. He patiently showed me the ropes and taught me more about the design and layout portion of the newspaper business than I ever really wanted to know.

I'll miss him.

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